

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 413
By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jennifer Cauthen for
earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of 14-17 can attain is the Gold Award and Jennifer Cauthen, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization and symbolizes her accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer's notable record of achievement as a member of her Girl Scout Troop includes many patches, awards, and a meritorious service of ten years; and

WHEREAS, to gain recognition from the Girl Scouts as a Gold Award recipient, Miss Cauthen fulfilled five challenging requirements; she earned four Interest Project Patches, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Pin, the Girl Scout Career Exploration Pin, and designed and implemented a Girl Scout Gold Award project; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable individual has participated in Special Olympics since the age of six and has brought home many ribbons and medals, including four bronze medals, eight silver medals, and four gold medals; she has also participated in the Special Olympics Bowling

program and in 2002, Jennifer was chosen as the Cheatham County Special Olympics Female Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she has been a faithful member of St. Martha's Catholic Church in Ashland City since the age of four; at this church, she has participated in the CCD Program and received the sacraments of Penance, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Jennifer is actively involved in the church youth group and the Legion of Mary; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Jennifer Cauthen as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jennifer Cauthen for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.